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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 31, 2004 (Paper No. 3), Applicant hereby provisionally elects, with Traverse, Species 1, Figs. 1-3 readable on claims 1-9 for continued examination.

If there are any questions regarding this Response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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